

**Fall 2006 Newsletter**

## Roadrunner News

**President -**

**Vice-President -**

**Web Master -**

**President's Letter**

Submitted by: **Tom & Dori**

Greetings Roadrunners, where ever you may be. The Roadrunners Fall Campout, at Osprey Point in Lakeside, Oregon was a great success. Thanks to Dean & Jean Stubblefield, our Wagon Masters for this event.. Jean was gateful for the able assistance of her helper elves", Dick & Jane McEwan, Nancie Swerdferger and Mary Kay Speight. The Sheriff made her appearance with a long list of infractions.What fun!! Good job Nancie!!

It is time to review and update the Roadrunner's bylaws. I have appointed Bill Heath to head a committee of three to review and propose changes to the by-laws. Bill is looking for two volunteers to complete this committee. The objective of the committee is to have proposals for updates for presentation at the Spring National Rally. If you are interested in serving on the committee, which will convene by e-mail, please contact Bill at [sdheath77030@aol.com](mailto:sdheath77030@aol.com). We are also asking for input from the general membership. A copy of the by-laws and amendments is posted on the Roadrunner web site, [www.alfaroadrunners.com](http://www.alfaroadrunners.com)

Over the next few months our Nominating Committee, Angie Radosevic, Allan Herschderfer and Dick McEwan will be seeking out volunteers / nominations for the election of officers for the 2007 - 2008 term. Please step up to the plate and support your chapter by volunteering to serve in one of the following offices:

President (1year term)

Vice -President (1 year term)

Secretary -Treasurer (1 year term)

Editor (1 year term)

National Board Representatives (3 year term)

Nominations will be held at the 2007 Pre-Rally Campout (April 13 - 18, Canyon Vista RV Park, Gold Canyon, AZ) and election of officers will be held on Chapter night during the National Rally, (April 18 - 25, View Point RV Resort, Mesa, AZ) This will be Dori and my last term in office. If there are concerns or issues that keep you from volunteering for any of the above offices, let these be known by contacting the nominating committee, myself or Dori. Descriptions of the duties and responsibilities of the executive positions will be posted on the Roadrunners web site. ([www.alfaroadrunners.com](http://www.alfaroadrunners.com))

**2007 NATIONAL RALLY UPDATE: Theme is Patriotic and Southwest**

1).

QUARTZSITE 2007 CAMPOUT

God Bless, Safe Travels & Happy Trails, Tom & Dori

### National Board Meeting Notes

is just around the corner...Make your plans to attend this fun filled event. Registration forms are in the mail and on The Roadrunners web site ( [www.alfaroadrunners.com](http://www.alfaroadrunners.com)). Get your forms & check into the mail early, to assure a site for you & your RV.

2). It has been suggested that instead of each coach supplying a gift for the Chapter Basket that a donation of \$ 5.00 - \$10.00 be collected, then a gift or two relating to the theme be purchased. The alternative is to stay with the present style of each RV providing a gift to contribute to our basket. Please let us know your preference. In either case, volunteers will be required to head up Chapter Basket(s), purchasing the baskets, assembling members gifts, etc.

Please, inform Dori of any changes in addresses, phone numbers and e-mail, as quickly as possible, to reduce the amount of returned mail and of course to keep our records up to date.

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### Palm Springs, Ca. Post 2006 National - Rally April

The factory rep. reported that a new Alfa manufacturing facility in Roseburg, OR. will produce Motor homes and/or 5th wheels. It's unknown at this time if there will be a service facility there or when the facility will become operational. The property has been purchased and it's just a matter of time before the facility is built. Regarding the facility at Shafter, CA, it is still unknown if a service facility will be available there. A portion of the property has been sold and it has been decided to limit the facility to manufacture of some fiberglass parts.

The club members have requested that the National Rally's be:

- 1) Primarily social with vendors as well.
- 2) More seminars and less free time.
- 3) More vendors and more merchandise for sale

The National Board will endeavor to fulfill these requests at future National Rally's.

Motion made and seconded that the Registration Fee will be raised to \$75/rig and \$37.50 per additional persons.

Local chapters need to add to their newsletters that "Your cancelled check will be your confirmation" as Rally Masters do not have the resources to send confirmations by mail or e-mail. However, if a member does not see that their check was received by their bank, they can e-mail the Rally Master for individual confirmation.

Norm & Pat Benson will be leaving their post as Board President in 3 years. Norm & Pat will have served 12 years at that time.

### Pahrump, Nevada/ September 26, 2006./re: 2007 National Rally

A half hour

If you have an emergency issue come up with your RV you must contact your chapter President who will in turn contact the NBR President who will be the only contact with Alfa repair staff.

The National Rally contribution from Alfa Leisure is increased to \$6,000 per National Rally.

RV parking at the 2007 National Rally will be assigned and must not be changed. Each site has a phone

connection for calls between guests as well as local calls. A guest roster with phone numbers will be available thus the "no change or moves" rule.

In addition, each chapter will be assigned a vacant site between the Chapter President and the NBR (National Board Rep.) This site will be for use as we desire for happy hours or any chapter get togethers.

The sites are all back-ins and the same size. The utilities are at the rear of the sites. It is recommended that you have extensions for your electrical, water, cable TV and phone. Depending on your unit you may need an extension for the sewer too.

There will be six (6) factory seminars and several other RV related seminars. The times have not been set but will be on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Seminars are not the forum for personal complaints or individual technical questions. There is a form in the registration package for these questions.

Saturday night will be a Wine and Cheese happy hour with a DJ playing 50's and 60's music.

Prize raffles are going to be held at each dinner so as not to have an entire night taken up with them.



## **ViewPoint RV & Golf Resort**

### **Rally and Camp Out Reports**

**MINOR** repair will be provided by Alfa staff to those attendees to the 2007 National Rally who complete and submit the request form. Check your registration package for further details.

**Fall Campout September 6 -13, 2006**

Everyone was in place by Wednesday afternoon - 19 rigs. Gathered about 5:00 PM for greetings, hellos, hugs & catch-up stories since we last saw each other. A great dinner was served at 6:00 PM. Homemade cheese balls, homemade hot clam dip, nearly homemade Boston clam chowder, minestrone soup, special hot fudge, homemade brownie sundaes (Jean gets the fudge sauce from Michigan/Wisconsin or ??). The Wagon master & helpers had really creative ideas for the dinner & it was great.

Thursday: Coffee & pastries starting at 7:00AM.

More catching up, although Stu & I didn't get there quite early enough for much catching up!! Great donuts &

especially good maple bars - my favorite. I couldn't have thirds because Dean slapped my hand. Some of us toured Norma & Jim Montelbetti's motorhome - a real show place! They have made some really creative improvements. Happy hour light snacks, more visiting and catching up with each other.

Friday: Coffee & pastries starting at 7:00AM.

Caravan to Sand Dunes Frontier for a dune buggy ride. About 20 of us in one big buggy. Our knowledgeable driver gave us a running commentary on the sand dunes we were seeing. Lots of thrills as he drove up and over and around the piles of sand. One dune was over 400 feet high. Several times the driver took us over the edge and straight down! After the dune ride, we continued on north to Florence where we walked around Old Town until time for lunch at Mo's. Happy hour light snacks.



Saturday: Happy hour heavy snacks! More like a 20 course meal. Delicious!

Sunday: Breakfast-in-a-bag at 9:00AM. Everybody brought eggs ready to cook in a zipper bag. Pot luck fixin's to add to individual bags. Salsa, bacon bits, sausage chunks, diced ham, diced tomatoes, jalapeño peppers, green onions, cheese! Seven kinds of muffins and orange juice! Dinner was leftovers from Saturday night. Some got pizza from the Pub next door.

Monday -

Monday night we had dinner at the Three Rivers Casino in Florence. We individually ordered from the menu - was amazed they were willing to do separate checks for 15-20 couples. The wait staff was very friendly and efficient. We had a good time with them and the dinners were excellent. Stu & Mary learned something about Oregon Law. We ordered margaritas and were wandering around the casino floor when the bartender came and got us and said we either had to return to the bar or go into the restaurant. In Oregon, liquor is not allowed on the casino floor. What did we know - we are from Nevada!!

Tuesday - Coffee & pastries. Thanks to Dick McEwen for making the coffee and getting the donuts every morning. We understand he is not an early riser and often went back to sleep!

Our Tuesday evening farewell dinner was catered by the Culinary Arts Department in the Hall Auditorium of the Southwestern Oregon Community College in North Bend. Chef Tammy, Wine steward Barbie and assistant Robert, did a great job. Dinner was chicken picata, pork loin with apple dressing, bleu cheese pasta salad, green salad, hot fresh bread, red potatoes, steamed veggies and cranberry-apple crisp. Outstanding dinner. Tammy gave me the recipe for the pasta salad and I will mail it to attendees.

The hilarious business meeting followed and then the Sheriff gave the report. We were unsure in the beginning



whether the sheriff was Neil, Leon, Dean or ??? It finally turned out to be Nancie. She did a great job fining almost everyone for: Sleeping in; soap bubbles coming out the top of a 5th wheel; the guy going crabbing waking up people in the middle of the night; being new retirees; big flag blowing over; black water flood; coming over to "The Dark Side" by buying a motorhome; and, of course for not wearing badges. The Sheriff's report was fun and funny!

Lest you think all we did was eat, here are some of the other activities: Shopping at the Myrtlewood shops, games at the rec. center in the evenings, car show at Old Town Florence, Cranberry Festival at Bandon, shopping at Sportsman's Cannery in Reedsport, shopping at the fish market in Charleston - fish cheeks available!, and a visit to the Heceta Head Lighthouse. Am sure there were other activities, as well.

It was a great camp out. Weather was perfect. Great place to spend some summer months.

Submitted by Stu & Mary Knapp

Coffee & pastries, again! Maple bars are still very good!! This was also golf day. Good time was had by all.

Notes from Members

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### **ROADRUNNER CAMPOUT AT QUARTZSITE, AZ. JAN. 21st THRU JAN, 27, 2007**

Dan and Arlene Harris are your Wagon Masters for the 2007 Quartzsite rally with Gene and Penny Ryder as Assistant Wagon Masters. The Quartzsite campout dates are Jan. 21th thru Jan 27th. Come out to the desert and rediscover dry camping not just parking. Sit around a bonfire under the stars sipping hot chocolate or in the morning under the sunrise sipping coffee. Enjoy the largest flea market this side of the Mississippi where you can shop till you drop or run out of money or just hang out at the campfire, rekindling friendships. Plan on pitching some horseshoes and maybe even putting some desert golf.

#### **Location: La Posa North – BLM**

After stopping at Host Station and paying a \$30.00 fee, proceed straight 7/10 miles. Turn right and proceed for 1 & 3/10 miles. You should see Alfa area now. Turn left after you pass the Alfa area and proceed 1/10 miles to parking area. Also, unhook your tow at the Host Station to avoid dirt.

Bring empty waste tanks and full water and diesel tanks. Please bring a donation of 2 gallons of water for coffee and 2 bundles of firewood or as much as you can bring would be appreciated.

The first night there will be a Wagon Master's dinner. Plan for a breakfast in the bag, a couple of old fashion weenie roasts. The Sheriff's dinner will be a potluck. Don't forget goodies and spirits around the campfire each evening at 4:00 PM. Coffee and doughnuts will be available each morning. Coffee will be made each morning by the famous George and Ann Mallow. All

this for just \$20.00 per coach for Wagon Master Fees, which will be collected upon arrival.

This is a very laid back event. Almost anything goes! Respond by email your intention to attend preferably by Jan 1st to

*Dan and Arlene Harris*

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### **Roadrunner Campout**

**October 1 - October 7, 2007**

**Canning Creek Cove Campground**

**Council Grove, Kansas**

Mark your 2007 calendars early to attend the Roadrunners fall campout in America's Heartland at the Army Corps of Engineer Campground that is located on Council Grove Lake. The campout will be at the Canning Creek Cove Campground which was recently selected as one of America's "Top 100 Family Campgrounds."



The campground has 3 group camping areas with 36 having full hook-ups and 12 having water and electric. The campground does have a dump station and no additional charge for its use. The scenery is lovely, rolling green hills and trees around a nice lake!

For many years after the Santa Fe Trail was opened, Council Grove was the only trading post between Independence, Missouri and Santa Fe, New Mexico. Council Grove was once a bustling rendezvous point on the Santa Fe Trail for west bound travelers, freighters and traders who were crossing the plains. This point on the trail was also a place to restock supplies and repair wagons. Some of the pioneers would wonder if this was a good idea going west.

Now doesn't that kind of sound like what happens when Roadrunners gather?  
We restock our supplies (because our favorite sport is eating).  
We make repairs (because somebody always has something broken).  
And we plan our next trips and wonder what it will be like! (Because we are Roadrunners!)

Council Grove has 13 registered historical sites, other intriguing sites, a carefully preserved past, and is a treasure trove of history. Nearby you can still see portions of the Santa Fe Trail and its wagon wheel ruts. Or take a short drive to the Tall Grass Prairie Preserve and Cottonwood Falls Courthouse.

In addition to the activities at Council Grove and at the lake, day trips can be made to the Eisenhower Presidential Library & Museum in Abilene or if interested in military history, the United States Calvary Museum at Fort Riley.

It is too early to start taking registrations for this campout but it is **NOT** too early for you to mark calendar and remember it when making your travel plans for the fall of 2007. Look for the registration form in the next newsletter!

**Duane & Rita Dingman and Norm & Kathi Duarte**

In an attempt to improve the value of your Newsletter we need your input. Any and all ideas will be considered. Please forward them to me at [msheilaheath@aol.com](mailto:msheilaheath@aol.com).

#### **Bounce Tips**

For removing BUGS from the front of your coach, including the windshield. As stated in last newsletter I said we would report the outcome of our study. It really works!! Soak the "Bounce" sheet with water and keep dipping it while you wipe the bugs off. Wash well with soap and water and voila - no bugs

#### **Roadrunner Web Site**

Don't forget to check out our very own Roadrunners web site,

## Recipe Corner

[www.alfaroadrunners.com](http://www.alfaroadrunners.com), for all the latest updates on upcoming events and applications, the picture gallery of past events and the exclusive stuff available at the Roadrunner Store.  
**Panzanella (Italian bread salad)**

Capers, celery, anchovies, hard-cooked eggs, and tuna are also delicious additions to this salad. Serves four to six. Delicious on a hot day!!

**½ pound Italian bread, 3 -4 days old, cut into 1 inch thick slices**

**½ cup cold water**

**1 medium cucumber, peeled, seeded and cut into ½ inch cubes. (may substitute celery)**

**Salt**

**¼ cup + 1 Tbs. red-wine vinegar**

**2 cloves garlic, minced**

**½ cup extra - virgin olive oil**

**Freshly ground black pepper**

**1 ½ to 2 pounds ripe tomatoes (about 5), seeded and cut into ½ inch cubes.**

**1 medium red onion (4 to 5 oz) cut into ½ inch dice**

**½ cup loosely packed fresh basil leaves, torn**

**Sprinkle the bread with the water and let stand about 2 minutes. Gently squeeze the bread dry as you tear it into roughly 1 inch pieces. Spread the pieces of torn bread on paper towels to dry slightly, about 20 minutes.**

**Meanwhile, spread the cucumber pieces on a paper towel and sprinkle with salt. Let stand about 20 minutes to extract the bitter juices. Put the cucumbers in a strainer and rinse with cold water. Pat dry.**

**In a large bowl, whisk together the vinegar, garlic, and olive oil. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Add the cucumbers, tomatoes, onions, torn basil and the bread. Toss to combine and let stand until the bread has absorbed some of the vinaigrette, about 20 minutes.**

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**Due to retirement and advanced seasoning, I'm not responsible for errors or omissions in this Newsletter. Until the winter then!**

*Sheila Heath*

**Editor**

**Respectfully**

Date	Campground	Location	Wagon Masters
January 21 -27,'07,	La Posa North/East, BLM	Quartzsite, AZ.	Dan & Arlene Harris
	Canyon Vista RV Park		
April 13-17, 2007	See application form on	Gold Canyon, AZ.	Dick & Jane McEwan
	Pre-National	Roadrunners web site	
April 18-25, 2007	View Point RV Park	Mesa, AZ	Tom & Dori Weissman
	National		
		Council Grove,	Duane & Rita Dingman



October 1 – 7, 2007	Canning Creek Grove	Kansas	Norm & Kathi Duarte
April 16 - 23, 2008	Haven's Landing	Montgomery, TX.	Bill & Betty Ratteree
	National		

#### Coming Events/Campouts

**Osprey Point RV Resort, Lakeside, OR**

**Web Site write-up: Stu & Mary Knapp.**

**Wagon Masters: Dean & Jean Stubblefield**

**Assistant Wagon Masters Dick & Jane McEwen.**

**Others who helped out before the camp out were Nancie, Diana, Mary Kay and Wilmer. They caught crab, picked crab, baked muffins & brownies.**